

It will be observed that Sir Sam Hughes signs the document as "Minister of Militia and Defence" and "in accordance with authority duly conferred upon me by His Britannic Majesty's Government" and it is apparent that without this ratification by the Minister of Militia in the Borden Government, the contract would have been without effect. Surely this is patent proof of the dishonesty of the oft-repeated Government argument that the Government had no authority over the Shell Committee nor any responsibility for it.

**Allison was Hughes'
"Life-Long Friend."**

It is important to keep in mind just who Col. J. Wesley Allison is, and who he represented. According to Sir Sam Hughes, he was not only the personal friend and confidant of the Minister of Militia but he was **the accredited agent and employee of the Department of Militia and Defence and therefore the accredited agent of the Government.** Speaking in the House of Commons on January 26th, 1916, Sir Sam Hughes said in referring to the arrangements he had made for the purchasing of war munitions just after the outbreak of hostilities:

"I secured the services of a life-long friend of mine, Col. J. W. Allison, a man in whom I have had life-long confidence, a man who is the soul of honor and kindness."

Again, on March 2nd, Sir Sam said:

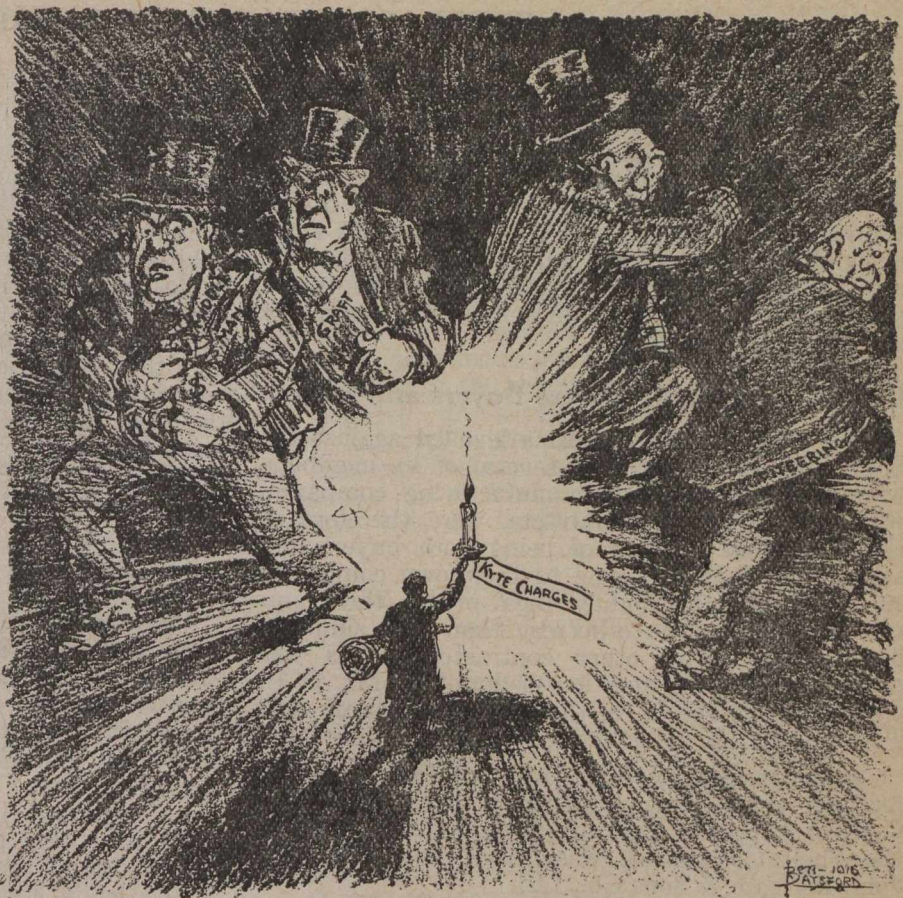
"I have associated for 25 or 30 years with Colonel J. Wesley Allison in various matters."

Allison's Record before Davidson Commission.

Col J. Wesley Allison is the man who declared on oath before the Davidson Commission in Ottawa on January 3rd, 1916, that he had had nothing to do with the purchase or sale of automatic pistols or revolvers bought by the Militia Department from the Colts Patent Fire Arms Co. Sir Sam Hughes, on the same day, affirmed that Col. Allison "had nothing to do with the pistols in any sense whatever." But two days later, in the same room before the same Commission, Mr. H. W. Brown, Director

of Contracts for the Militia Department, actually produced the order-in-council showing that the pistols were bought from Col. J. Wesley Allison on the strength of a report from the Minister of Militia, and other evidence showed that the Government paid for every one of these pistols \$4 more than the prevailing wholesale price to the trade in Ottawa. And before the same Davidson Commission it was demonstrated by the evidence of Mr. Samuel M. Stone, Vice-President of the Colts Patent Fire Arms Company of Hartford, Conn., that Col. J. W. Allison was an agent of that company, negotiating orders for firearms and other munitions with different governments.

Col. J. Wesley Allison, the life-long friend of the Minister of Militia, who is named in the documents produced by Mr. Kyte as sharing in the profits of the fuse contracts placed by the Canadian Shell Committee in the United States is thus shown to be not only the life-long friend of the Minister of Militia, but the accredited agent of the Department of Militia and Defence at the same time that he was the accredited selling agent of the Colts Company,



One drop of ink will darken a glass of water; one shaft of light may illumine a dark cave.

"There are men in this country, like the hon. member for Dundas (Mr. Broder) to whom the one consideration at this time is the success of the War. These men have cheerfully made all the sacrifices that were demanded of them, and they have the right, I contend—and this is the basis of the motion which I present to the house—to have an account of every dollar taken out of the treasury and for every drop of blood shed on the battlefield."

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, House of Commons, April 4, 1916.